

AN ACT

relating to the terms of district courts in Harris County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 24.012, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (a-1) and (a-2), notwithstanding any other law, each district court holds in each county in the judicial district terms that commence on the first Mondays in January and July of each year. To the extent of a conflict between this subsection and a specific provision relating to a particular judicial district, this section controls.

(a-2) In Harris County each district court holds terms that commence on the first Mondays in February, May, August, and November of each year.

SECTION 2. Section 24.602, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.602. TERMS. Except as provided by Section 24.012, the [~~The~~] terms of a family district court begin on the first Monday in January and the first Monday in July.

SECTION 3. Sections 24.112(c), 24.267(d), 24.269(b), 24.270(b), 24.271(b), 24.272(b), 24.273(c), 24.362(c), 24.363(c), 24.364(c), 24.365(c), 24.387(c), 24.388(c), 24.406(c), 24.407(c), 24.409(c), 24.425(c), 24.439(c), 24.440(c), 24.483(c), 24.484(c),

1 24.485(c), and 24.497(c), Government Code, are repealed.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3481 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3481 on May 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3481 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor